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the preëminence of the Levites (Numb. 17:1 f.). Here Miriam died (Numb. 20:1). Here Moses smote the rock Meribah when he ought to have only spoken to it (Numb. 20:1-12). It has even been conjectured that Kadesh was the scene of Jehovah's first manifestation to Moses, as this would better explain the words of Hobab, "I will depart to my own land and to my kindred" (Numb. 10:30), which is more natural, it is claimed, than when supposed to have taken place in Horeb close to Hobab's home (*cf. Encyclopædia Biblica*, article "Kadesh-Barnea").

#### THEOLOGICAL STUDENTS IN SCOTLAND.

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APROPOS of the editorial in the BIBLICAL WORLD for April, 1901, Professor R. M. Wenley, of the University of Michigan, sends us the following statistics of the attendance of theological students in Scotland: "In 1889 there were 95 theological students at Glasgow and 124 at Edinburgh; total, 219. In 1892 there were 89 at Glasgow and 82 at Edinburgh; total, 171. Four years later (1896) the numbers had fallen to 62 at Glasgow and 62 at Edinburgh; total, 124—the same number as attended at Edinburgh alone in 1889. Last year, at the close of another four-year period, the loss had reduced the numbers to 41 at Glasgow and 40 at Edinburgh; total, 81; this, as against 219 in 1889, is a most striking loss. The significance is not to be fully appreciated unless one takes into account the fact that it has been a steady attenuation for the past dozen years; and I am told that this year the situation is as bad as ever."